

**Communion Meditation – The Suffering Servant**  
*Isaiah 53.10      Offering      October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2011*

**v10a ~ “Yet it pleased the Lord to bruise Him ”**

- The word “pleased” cannot be explained away
  1. God derived pleasure from Christ being bruised
  2. Some critics refer to Christ’s penal substitutionary atonement as “*child abuse*”
  3. The goal of a child abuser is pleasure ~ sought through perverse means
  4. But “*Was God’s goal in the cross His own pleasure?*”
    - No . . . The goal was saving man from sin’s penalty yet satisfying justice
- Note it is said that God “bruised” Him
  1. God referred to this in **Gen 3.15** when He said “*you shall bruise His heel*”
  2. God foretold using Satan as a tool to fulfill His goal of rescuing mankind
    - What was Satan striking out at God (*like a snake*) was our salvation

**v10b ~ “He has put Him to grief”**

- The bruising of Christ tormented His soul as well as His body
- His physical pain was real so was His emotional / spiritual torment
  1. “*My God! My God! Why have You forsaken Me?*”

**v10c ~ “When You make His soul an offering for sin”**

- Jesus, body and soul, is clearly referenced as an offering for sin
  1. **2 Cor 5.21** ~ “*He made Him who knew no sin to be sin*”
  2. OT refs ~ Jesus was “*a food offering, an aroma pleasing to the LORD*”
  3. Read **Gen 8.20-22** ~ It was Christ’s future death that backed this . . .

**v10d ~ “He shall see His seed”**

- These 5 words imply 2 incredible truths
  1. Christ shall exist beyond His sacrificial death (*resurrection*)
  2. Christ shall have offspring (*even though he was “cut off” v8*)

**“The pleasure of the Lord shall prosper in His hand”**

**God is One and God acted as One in accomplishing man’s redemption**

**Death and suffering will one day be swallowed up in victory**

**The victory that we celebrate today will accomplish this in time on this earth**